

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Barbara Beerhalter	Chair
Cynthia A. Kitlinski	Commissioner
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Robert J. O'Keefe	Commissioner
Darrel L. Peterson	Commissioner

In the Matter of The Commission Initiated
Investigation of The Reasonableness Of Dial
Data Service Offered By Northwestern Bell
Telephone Company

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DOCKET NO. P-421/CI-87-631

In the Matter of a Tariff Revision Filing by
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company
Regarding Standards for Information
Providers of Dial Data Service

DOCKET NO. P-421/M-86-533

In the Matter of a Tariff Revision Filing by
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company
Regarding the Blocking of Calls to Dial Data
Information Providers

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ORDER EXTENDING INTERIM RELIEF

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 30, 1987, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) issued its Order Granting Petitions for Reconsideration in this matter. That Order required Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (NWB or the Company) to make 976 call blocking service available to all residential customers without either a monthly or a service connection charge for 75 days while this matter is under investigation. It also established certain customer notification procedures for 976 call blocking.

On January 11, 1988, the Commission sent written notice to parties notifying them that on January 19, 1988 the Commission would consider extending the interim relief measures ordered on November 30, 1987. Parties were also notified that the Commission would give them an opportunity

to make oral comments at that time. At that meeting NWB, the Department of Public Service, and the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General indicated that they did not object to an extension of the interim relief period. No other party offered comments.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission has scheduled Oral Argument for this case on February 18, 1988 with deliberations on February 19, 1988. The Commission finds that its Order deciding the merits of this case will be issued after the current 75 day interim relief period expires on February 13, 1988. Further, the Commission finds that allowing the current temporary measures to lapse before permanent measures are in place would cause unnecessary public confusion.

The Commission concludes that it is reasonable and in the public interest to extend the existing interim relief measures until it completes its investigation, issues an Order adopting permanent measures, and implements those measures. The Commission will so order.

ORDER

1. The time period for the interim relief measures ordered by the Commission in its November 30, 1987 Order Granting Petitions for Reconsideration is hereby extended until the Commission completes its investigation, issues an Order adopting permanent measures, and implements those measures.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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